GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BACTERIA AND WATER BORNE DISEASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting was held in September 2002 to check bacteria and water borne diseases;

(b) if so, the details of the departments which participated in the meeting and the decision taken therein;

(c) whether there is an Information, Education & Communication (IEC) department;

(d) if so, the details of its functions and its annual budget;

(e) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the State Government to make funds available for DDT to protect against mosquitoes; and

(f) if so, the reasons for not taking action thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): Yes, A meeting was held on 6.9.2002 under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary to review the state of preparedness and control of Dengue, Haemographic fever (DHF) and other vector borne diseases as well as water borne diseases in Delhi and its neighbouring States. Representatives belonging to Health Departments from the States/U.Ts of Delhi, Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab, Red Cross, Delhi Cantonment, C.P.W.D., I.C.M.R. and major hospitals based in Delhi and Media units of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting participated in this meeting. The following decisions were taken in the said meeting:-

(i) All the concerned authorities may intensify the activities for prevention and control not only of Dengue/DHF but also Malaria during the period of monsoon. The steps could include resorting to house to house visits to make people aware of the diseases and need for its control and also gearing up of IEC activities for the purpose.

(ii) Due notice be taken of statistical data on unsatisfactory water samples and status of water borne diseases in J.J. colonies etc. and training be provided to Medical Officers and other health personnels to combat the problem.

(iii) A small team be formed in all hospitals for monitoring and report of the action taken by the concerned authorities for prevention and control of diseases.

(iv) Immediate demand of Chloroquine tablets of the States be met, where necessary, and action be taken for provision of adequate supply of DDT.

(c)&(d): There is an IEC division under this Ministry relating to Family Welfare and Reproductive Child Health issues.Activities are undertaken in the Headquarters and through Media Units of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.Funds are also released to the States for undertaking IEC activities.The total budget for the year 2002-2003 is Rs.84.7 crores. As regard IEC activities relating to checking Bacteria & Water Borne Diseases, Health Departments of the respective States/U.Ts., primarily take action to spread awareness among the people. The Central Government also support the state Governments , through various disease control programmes. The Central Government also performs the task through the Media Units of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

(e)&(f): Presently, DDT is procured centrally and is provided to the States by the Central Government.No proposal from any State Government has been received for provision of funds for DDT procurement.